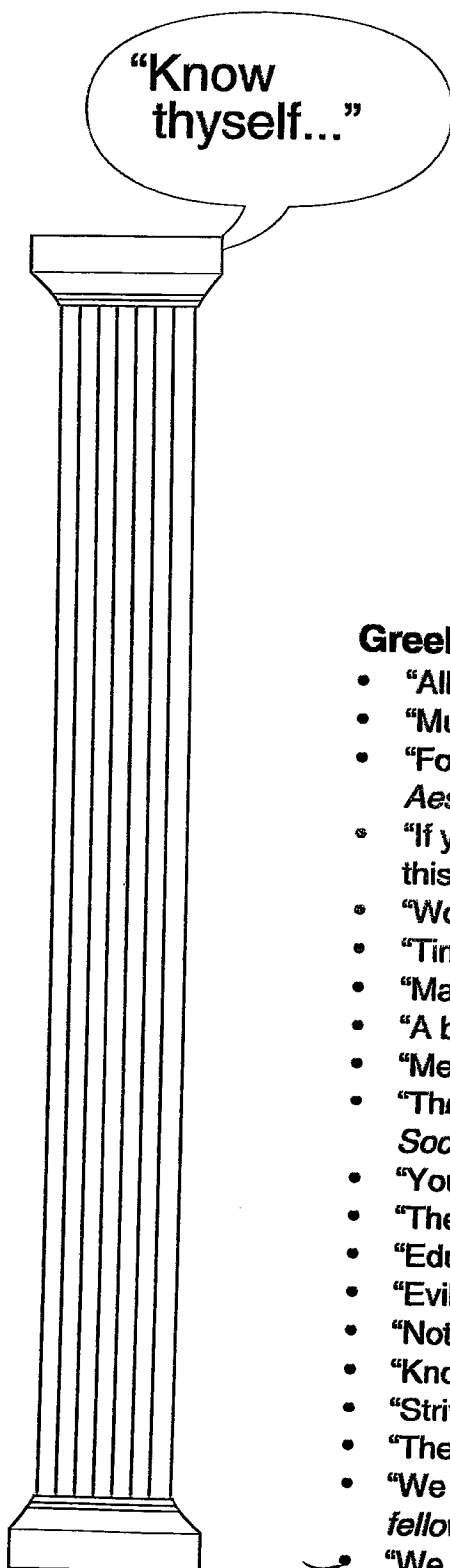


QUOTES FROM ANCIENT GREECE - 1

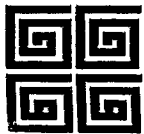


These quotations represent the civilization, culture, and character of ancient Greece. Use these quotes while you write out the following:

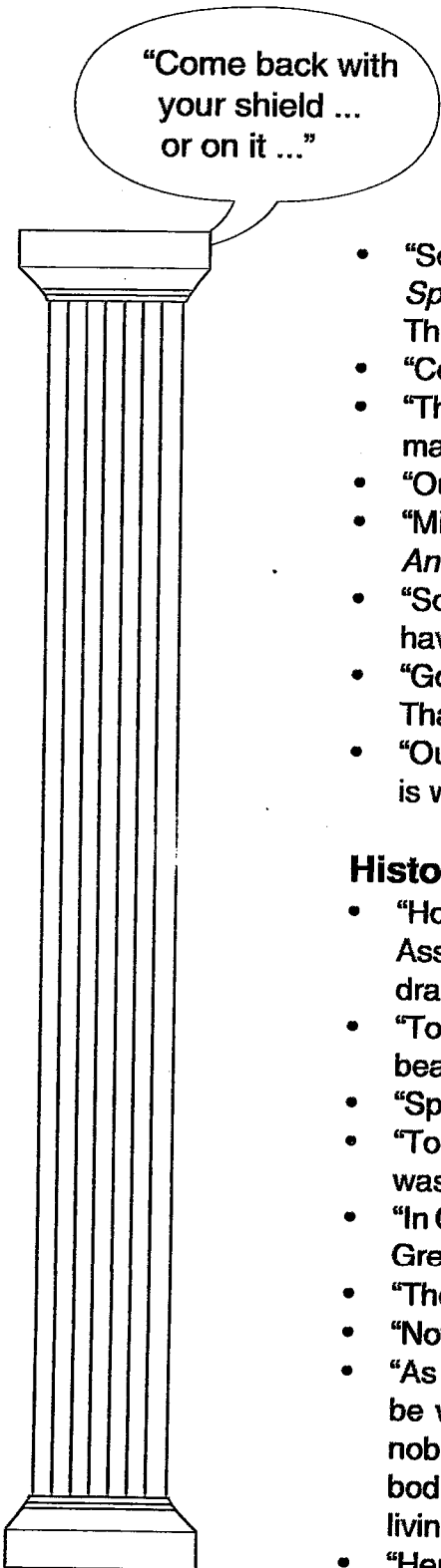
1. an ancient **Socratic dialogue** between two wise Greeks explaining one quote;
2. a **modern translation** of another quote which you and your classmates might rephrase so that it is easier to understand (use lots of current slang?); and
3. a **modern dialogue** between one quoted Greek writer and a young scholar such as yourself. You might like to insert a more appropriate quotation which better parallels the quoted wisdom of the Greeks. For example, you might enlighten the Hellenes with quotations from Ben Franklin, Henry David Thoreau, Shakespeare ... or with sayings found on bumper stickers or license plates.

Greek wisdom and advice

- "All is flux, nothing stays still." *Herodotus*
- "Much learning does not teach understanding." *Herodotus*
- "For somehow this is tyranny's disease—to trust no friends." *Aeschylus*
- "If you should put a little on a little, and should do this often, soon this too would become big." *Hesiod*
- "Words have a longer life than deeds." *Pindar*
- "Time eases all things." *Sophocles*
- "Man is the measure of all things." *Protagoras*
- "A bad beginning makes a bad ending." *Euripides*
- "Men trust their ears less than their eyes." *Herodotus*
- "There is only one good, knowledge, and one evil, ignorance." *Socrates*
- "You cannot teach a crab to walk straight." *Aristophanes*
- "The life which is unexamined is not worth living." *Plato*
- "Education is the best provision for old age." *Aristotle*
- "Evils draw men together." *Aristotle*
- "Nothing in excess." *Socrates*
- "Know thyself." *Socrates*
- "Strive not to become a god; mortal aims befit mortal men." *Pindar*
- "The loom is women's work and not debate." *Meander*
- "We do not imitate; we serve as a model for others." *Pericles on his fellow Athenians.*
- "We must be immortal as far as we can." *Aristotle*
- "Athens is the school of Greece." *Pericles*



QUOTES FROM ANCIENT GREECE - 2



"Come back with
your shield ...
or on it ..."

- "We Athenians do not call a man who takes no part in public life quiet or unambitious; we call such a man useless." *Pericles*
- "Future ages will wonder at us, as the present age wonders at us now." *Pericles*
- "Our love of what is beautiful does not lead to extravagance." *Anonymous*
- "So much the better; we shall fight in the shade." *Dieneces the Spartan* (when he was told that Persian arrows at the battle of Thermopylae would blot out the sun)
- "Come back with your shield, or on it." *Spartan father to his son*
- "The world is full of wonders, but nothing is more wonderful than man." *Sophocles*
- "Our love of the things of the mind does not make us soft." *Pericles*
- "Mighty indeed are the marks and monuments we have left." *Anonymous*
- "So far has Athens left the rest of the world behind that her pupils have become the teachers of the world." *Socrates*
- "Go tell the Spartans, thou who passest by,
That here obedient to their laws we lie." *Simonides*
- "Our plan of government favors the many, instead of the few; that is why it is called a democracy." *Pericles*

Historians on the ancient Greeks

- "Home is where they sleep; they live in the market place, in the Assembly, in the Council, in the Courts, athletic contests, and dramatic spectacles." *Will Durant*
- "To the Greek the best life is the fullest one, rich in health, strength, beauty, passions, means, adventure, and thought." *Will Durant*
- "Sparta created not things in words or stone, but men." *H.D.F. Kitto*
- "To rejoice in life, to find the world beautiful and delightful to live in, was a mark of the Greek Spirit." *Edith Hamilton*
- "In Greek history, little that happened mattered much; it is what the Greeks thought that counted." *C.E. Robinson*
- "The Greeks picked man up and set him on his feet." *C.M. Bowra*
- "Nothing moves the world which is not Greek in origin." *Anonymous*
- "As the Greeks set out to make the best of their natural gifts and to be worthy of their human nature, they dedicated themselves to noble toil, to creating something new and splendid, to keeping their bodies as fit as their minds, to making order out of disorder, and to living in harmony with their fellow citizens." *C.M. Bowra*
- "Her citizens, imperial spirits/Rule the present from the past/On all this work of men inherits/Their seal is set." *Percy Bysshe Shelley*